

Losing Ground: The War on Buffelgrass in the Sonoran Desert

You've been hearing about buffelgrass and the threat it poses to our fragile desert ecosystem, our homes, and the lives of our firefighters. You may have seen buffelgrass removal crews at work in the parks or in your neighborhood. It's time to take action, get involved, show you're your support, and tell our representatives that you are serious about the health and well-being of our natural setting.

What you can do: Attend the hearing. Your presence there says you are part of a community recognizes the urgency of dealing with this threat. Let's fill the courthouse! You will hear expert witnesses focus on the challenges posed by the unprecedented spread of invasive species on federal lands in the desert Southwest and the negative impact these plants are having on the Sonoran desert ecosystem.

Witnesses are by invitation only, so you will not have the opportunity to speak, but you can be heard. Written testimony submitted at least two days before the hearing will become part of the official record. Please read the written testimony format requirements.

If you need further information, please call Laurel Angell (Legislative Staff) or Emily Lande (Clerk) at (202) 226-7736.

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